

## Local-State Executive Committee

### Meeting

February 24, 2014

Attendance: Robin Iszler, Ruth Bachmeier, Lisa Clute, Sherry Adams, Colleen Pearce, Dr. Dwelle, Arvy Smith, Kelly Nagel, Dr. Baird

Guests: Kim Mertz, Kristal Dockter, Mandy Slag

### Family Planning

- DoH is applying for the maximum amount of federal funding available which would be a 6% increase. Funding is based on clients seen which has been an 8% decrease which could potentially results in a 2% decrease in funding). MCH funding to Family Planning program has decreased.
- Decrease in clients may be related to ACA which allows young adults to stay on parent's insurance. Also seeing a decrease in Native American population using family planning services. Because of decreased funding, local clinics have had to decrease hours which also has had an impact on the number clients seen. There has also been a change in the frequency of recommended paps.
- Family planning doesn't get the credit they deserve in that they improve access to care and provide STD services. (STD services in most family planning clinics include assessment, treatment and follow up or contact tracing). There is a mix of services provided at the clinics. There is a question of what LPHU typically does vs. the state epidemiologist in STD cases. (What percentage of contact tracing is being done by LPHUs and what percentage is being done by epidemiologist?) (How involved are LPHUs that do not have a Family Planning program?) Kristal and Kelly will determine a process to assess who does the contact tracing.
- If needed, EPR may be able to assist in finding space for Custer District Health to provide family planning services to serve the Fort Yates population.

### Hill Day

- Contagious diseases may be an agenda item at the national level. The agenda has not been fully determined yet.

### Car Seats

- First District Health Unit (along with other LPHUs) provide limited car seat installations and inspections, etc. in the rural area. A car seat technician is required to do car seat checks. Some LPHUs have determined it to be resource inefficient for them to have staff trained/certified as a technician so has eliminated the services. The state standards/requirements to be a certified technician may be a barrier. Can the technicians be certified remotely? Could this be a service to be provided by community paramedics? Is there a train the trainer option? Need to

determine a more cost-effective approach especially in the rural areas. Fargo/Cass's approach is a health care system approach or collaborative effort where a safety shop is staffed by a rotation of staff.

- LPHUs feel an educational campaign or more population based approach would be more efficient. It was suggested to have an educational video available for parents/guardians. There needs to be an individual approach for those that have cultural and literacy barriers, etc.

#### Membership

- Allen McKay, Barb Frydenlund and Renae Moch were selected to replace exiting members (Lisa Clute, Ruth Bachmeier, and Brenda Stallman).